The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

Letter dated 28 February 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2014/136)

The President (*spoke in Russian*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

After consultations among Council members, I have been authorized to make the following statement on their behalf:

"The Security Council expresses grave concern about the recent deterioration of the security situation in eastern Ukraine and its severe impact on the civilian population.

"The Security Council condemns continuous violations of the ceasefire regime, especially the use of heavy weapons prohibited by the Minsk Agreements, responsible for tragic deaths, including among civilians, and calls for the implementation of disengagement commitments and the immediate withdrawal of heavy weapons in accordance with relevant provisions of the Minsk Agreements.

"The Security Council welcomes the work of the United Nations agencies in order to address the tragic humanitarian situation in eastern Ukraine and emphasizes the need for scaling up efforts to alleviate suffering of the civilian population affected by the conflict.

"The Security Council expresses its full support to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Special Monitoring Mission and calls on all the parties to facilitate its work, including safe and secure access throughout Ukraine, to fulfil its mandate and guarantee the safety of its staff and protection of its equipment.

"The Security Council recalls its full support for the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine, underlines the need for strict compliance with resolution 2202 (2015), which endorsed the package of measures for the implementation of the Minsk Agreements, and encourages all the parties to recommit to the peace process and to implement all the measures agreed in the Normandy format and the Trilateral Contact Group in order to achieve immediate progress in the implementation of the Minsk Agreements.

"The Security Council reaffirms its full support for resolution 2166 (2014) on the downing of flight MH-17."

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The meeting rose at 10.20 a.m.